

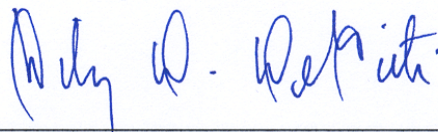
**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Case No. CR-21-151-TDD
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BILLY JAMES MENEES,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

Before the Court is Defendant Billy James Menees' motion for an *ex parte* inquiry into appointment of new counsel [Doc. No. 89]. Defendant requests an *ex parte* evidentiary hearing for purposes of his motion for substitution of counsel [Doc. No. 88]. The Government does not object to the motion for a hearing. The Court finds that the motion for an *ex parte* hearing should be **GRANTED**.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Court shall hold an evidentiary hearing for purposes of Defendant's request for a substitution of counsel on December 15, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. The proceeding will be held *ex parte* and the record shall be sealed. Counsel for Mr. Menees, Cody L. Cofer, is ordered to be present. Counsel for the Government need not appear.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 3rd day of December, 2021.



TIMOTHY D. DEGIUSTI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE